

children are warmly invited to attend. A gold coin donation each day would be appreciated and parents are most welcome to stay and assist with the activities. Please contact the church office if you have any queries.

## Children's Work

### Junior Class Stories and Poems

When I went on my bike I went walking with my Dad  
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 I had a ride *Caiza* That's how we got home *Kupa*  
 Easter the Easter bunny gave a sock to me. In the sock was a bunny. The colour was pink. The name was Pinky. Pinky is a dizzy dancer. *Katie*  
 When the children sat by Hairy Maclary's picket fence Jennifer gave us a card and we were searching for the same dog as Lynley Dodd's. *Qaiyaan*  
 I went to the shop to get a black toy dog. *Paenga*  
 Puss is a black cat. He has white under his chin. *Kate*  
 On the way to the museum I saw a big lake. *Tyden*  
 Rainbow Fish wanted to show the other fish how beautiful he was. The fish asked the Rainbow Fish if they could play with Rainbow Fish. No he just did not listen. *Seth*  
 I went to feed my uncle's dogs I went to the zoo  
 Uncle's dogs To the zoo  
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 I went to feed my uncle's dogs I went to the zoo  
 They were smelly *Reuben* And saw the monkey's bottoms. *Jack*

### What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

11 April	Final Touch games
19 April	End of Term 1, 12.30pm
19 April	Working bee to shift furniture
20 April	Teachers Only Day
22 April	Teachers Only Day
6 May	Term 2 begins Mrs Tamae Dimond, Principal ☺



# Newsletter

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Whaia te ara totika – Make the Right Choice

Term One 2013

Week Nine – 5 April

Dear Parents, Caregiver, Whānau and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome to school our newest five year olds. Paengawhawha Henry-Wi has been at school for the past couple of weeks and we welcome her Mum and Dad, Lana and Michael to our parent community. Also we extend a special welcome to Alex Burgess who started school today. Welcome too, Alex's family and parents Mark and Rebecca Burgess.

We currently have 57 children enrolled at school. Confirmation of staffing entitlements and operational funding has been received from the Ministry of Education. A timeline for an appointment of a permanent third teacher will be made and the Board will begin expanding on the process that will be transparent and fair and will be shared with our school community.

### Community Assembly



Congratulations to all our swimmers. Well done and thank you to our wonderful swimming coach Rachel Stubbs.



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## Touch

Congratulations to all four touch teams who have competed very well in the six week tournament. Next week will be the last week of play. The draw will be sent home as soon as it is received. Good luck for the finals.

## Last Day of Term1

On Friday 19 April school will close at 12.30pm. The senior classroom and toilet block will be renovated over the holiday break. It would be appreciated if parents, friends and whānau could spend an hour from 12.30pm to 1.30pm to help shift furniture so new carpet can be laid.

## Blue Ewe

The annual Great NZ Muster will be held in Te Kuiti on Saturday 6 April. Running of the sheep down Rora Street is at 2.00pm. In the Blue Ewe Competition sheep number 2 will be running for our school. If sheep number 2 crosses the line before other Blue Ewe's our school will receive the prize of a \$1,000 voucher.

## From the Fundraising Committee

### Clearing Sale - Saturday 6 April

The fundraising committee are providing a food stall at the Brooklee Road clearing sale tomorrow and would appreciate any donations of baking or help from 9.30am onwards. Please contact Batch on 027 5150034 for more info.

The fundraising committee would like to sincerely thank the following businesses for their sponsorship towards our Sports Day canteen:

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| • Altura Park                 | • Waitomo Caves B+B Guest Lodge |
| • Roseland's                  | • Waitomo Adventures            |
| • Kiwipaka                    | • Waitomo Glowworm Caves        |
| • Curly's Bar                 | • Caveworld                     |
| • Waitomo Discovery Centre    | • Huhu Café                     |
| • Kiwi Cave Rafting           | • Big Bird B+B                  |
| • Woodlyn Park                | • General Store                 |
| • Top 10 Holiday Park         | • Holden Earth Moving           |
| • Black Water Rafting         | • Dunhill Walk                  |
| • RD 1 Otorohanga             | • The Orange Dinghy             |
| • Waitomo Fresh Fruit Orchard | • The Warehouse Te Kuiti        |
| • New World Te Kuiti          | • PGG Wrightsons Oto            |
| • Subway Otorohanga           | • Oto Fresh Fruit and Vege      |

Also, thank you to parents and grandparents for generous donations received with gratitude. Thank you to Suz, Vickie, Tanchia, Gaye, Alannah, Batch, Tamae, Myke, Dawn, Marci, Jodie, Jamie, Christaan James, Justice, Tai, Aorangi, Angel, Portia, Arahia and other parents for their organisation and help on the day.

A grand total profit of \$1,760 was raised to contribute to the fundraising projects for this year. We had three draws in the Easter raffle, congratulations to: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Aaron Marks, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Maxine Johnston, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Jean Pitts-Brown. The \$100 note raffle was won by Dallas Maguire.

## Board of Trustees News

**A big thank you** and well done to Tamae and staff for the great Wellington and Hamilton trips. We are so lucky to have a great Principal and Fundraising Committee whose efforts towards trips and extra resources means every child has the opportunity to be involved. So please parents, do thank them when you can. We are aware the same Wellington trip cost parents \$540 per child at other schools.

## Waitomo Caves School Board of Trustees Election

Nominations are invited for the election of six parent representatives to the board of trustees. A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office. Nominations close at noon on 16 May 2013 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate's statement.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school. Voting closes at noon on 30 May 2013.

Glenys George, Returning Officer

## Community News

**FunSticks** Hockey programme for Year 1 & 2 (5 & 6 year olds). Thursdays from 16 May, 3.40 – 4.40pm, Te Kuiti High School, Cost \$10. Bring: shoes, shin pads, mouth guards, water bottle. Helpers encouraged. Register through Waitomo Caves School.

School Holiday Fun at **Waitomo District Library** Loan two books and get an 'Our World' activity pack, available from 22 April. Further info: 07 878 1028

**Milo Junior Rugby Skills** Fun morning Saturday 6 April at the Island Reserve, all grades welcome 9am-11.30. Also Under 11/13 teams have training tonight at 5.00pm.

**St David's Presbyterian Church** will be providing a school holiday programme for primary school aged children in the second week of the next school holidays. The programme will run from 9 am to 12 noon from Tuesday 30 April to Friday 3 May. The theme for the week will be Post Box. The programme will include interactive faith-based presentations, singing, games, morning tea, craft activities, woodwork and baking. All